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Angie Lake  
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Michigan House of Representatives:

It is refreshing to see efforts are being made to correct the problems that have been created with Synthetic Cannabinoids. We have reviewed house bill 5338 and senate bill 789 and we are in full support of both. We have gained a lot of experience in a short amount of time due to the side effects of so-called "bath salts". We have interviewed numerous family and friends of "bath salts" users who have shared their experiences living with people addicted to these substances. We have also interviewed numerous users of "bath salts" who have begged us to stop the retail sale of these substances, since they cannot stop themselves.

Our local law enforcement officials, hospitals, schools, Huron Behavioral Health, and Department of Human Services have all dealt with individuals that have been negatively affected by these substances in one way or another. The retail sale of these products is still allowed, knowing the public health hazards they are causing. We are hopeful the State Legislature will act swiftly before this matter gets further out of control and more lives are put at risk due to the highly addictive chemicals these substances contain. As mentioned earlier in this letter, the Huron County Sheriff's Office is in full support of your efforts.

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